

HAMPTON LITERARY SOCIETY

The Splendid Entertainment at School Auditorium last Friday Night, the Occasion being the Society's Annual Public Meeting.

The general verdict of the audience that filled the graded school auditorium Friday night at the annual public meeting of the Hampton Literary Society was that the entire occasion and every feature of it was entitled to high praise.

The Society was called to order by the president, James Beaty, whose opening address of welcome was greeted with enthusiastic applause that was fully deserved by his appropriate remarks delivered clearly and forcefully. He presided throughout with credit to himself and to the Society.

The participants in the declamation contest for the gold medal given by Mr. John T. Green, were Roddey Bell, Effie Hathcock, Frank Green, Evelyn Sowell, Lawson Elliott, Frances Massey. It is no idle remark to say that they all did well, and particularly noticeable was the fact that they were easily heard in all parts of the auditorium. This medal will be given annually by Mr. Green.

The judges of the contest were Prof. J. A. Stoddard, of Heath Springs, Prof. R. N. Nisbet of Waxhaw, and Mr. O. C. Croxton of Lancaster. The contestants were unknown to the judges except by numbers. The medal was presented to the winner, Frank Green, by Prof. Stoddard, who made an excellent speech of presentation and in particular impressed the fact that he was presenting the medal to a young man whose name was unknown to him. The decision of the judges was unanimous, though they gave special mention to Miss Effie Hathcock and Roddey Bell.

The subject for the debate was "Resolved, that the United States Government should own and control the railroads." Mr. John Reed Boldridge and Miss Kate Hines spoke for the affirmative, and Mr. Cantson Moore and Miss Esther Byrd for the negative. The papers were well prepared and were all good, and a special feature was that they were spoken openly and not merely read from manuscript. The judges were Mr. W. T. Gregory, Mr. A. J. Clark and Dr. J. D. Funderburk, and their decision was for the negative.

The stage was beautifully decorated, and this together with the numerous excellent pictures which have been placed in the auditorium, made the place very attractive. Miss Inez McCordell, Secretary of the Society, announced the program, which in addition to its other good features, was not so long as to be tedious. Every one present was enthusiastic regarding the excellence of the meeting, and the order and quiet was a subject of general comment and praise.

The first feature of the programme was a reading by Miss Leila Harper, which was much enjoyed. The music by Misses Nannie Hill Moore, Bleeka Hinson, Eliza Wylie, Jessie Lee Blackmon, and Marie Roddey, was of distinctively high order and reflected credit on all concerned.

The ovation of the evening was given to the quartette composed of Messrs. James Beaty, Will Plyler, Eugene Elliott, and Malley Ferguson. They were forced by prolonged applause to respond to three encores.

Mr. S. J. Vincent, of the Heath Springs section, and his son, Mr. J. W. Vincent, of Barnwell, were in town yesterday.

Messrs J. M. Hood and A. J. Gregory returned Sunday from St. Louis, where they bought a nice lot of horses and mules.

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News in Brief.

James Boyle and wife, convicted of kidnapping Willie Whitla, were on Monday sentenced at Mercer, Pa., as follows: Boyle, to life imprisonment; Mrs. Boyle, to serve 25 years and pay \$5,000 fine. The State dispensary commission, whose operations were interrupted by federal court injunctions, will meet next Monday to resume work.

Emanuel Bolen, white man from North Augusta, attempted suicide by slashing his throat with a knife Sunday night as he was being taken to the Asylum in Columbia. President Taft has appointed Henry Connor, a Democrat, U. S. Judge for the eastern district of North Carolina. Robt. Johnson, a young negro, was struck by a train at Artesia, Miss., Saturday night and hurled unhurt over on another track, when another train passing in opposite direction ran over him, killing him instantly.

Mrs. Floyd Black, wife of a prominent citizen of Pocahontas, Va., was shot Saturday by a negro who was shooting at another colored man. Mrs. Augusta Evans-Wilson, the well known Southern novelist, died Sunday at Mobile, Ala. An unknown negro was lynched at Camden, Fla., Sunday for assaulting Mrs. John Deas, wife of a well known farmer. Hosea Wright, aged 12, was killed Saturday in a fight with playmates at Anniston, Ala.

Senator and Mrs. B. R. Tillman dined at the White House Monday night. Robert Aldrich, of Jacksonville, Fla., was shot and killed Saturday night by J. G. Cross, who mistook him for a burglar. Aldrich was returning from fishing and got lost. Fifteen thousand persons visited the battleship Mississippi at New Orleans Sunday. John C. Davis, attorney of Washington, D. C., has been arrested charged with obtaining about \$50,000 by false pretenses. His brother, Martin C. Davis, has also been arrested, on a charge of conspiracy.

Charlie Wiggins, prominent citizen of Butler, Ga., was brutally assaulted and fatally hurt by unknown parties as he entered his home Saturday night. At a big banquet in Washington Saturday night President Taft and Senator Tillman joked each other much to the amusement of the other guest.

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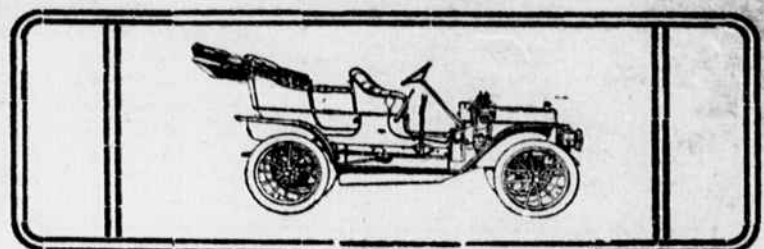
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